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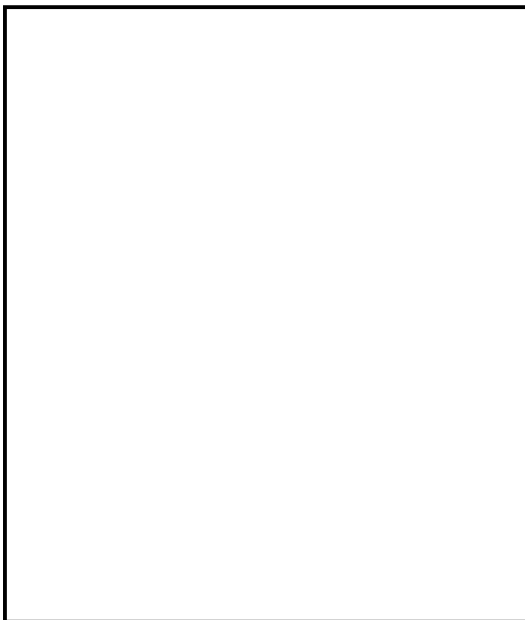
INTRA-AGENCY SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of  
First Meeting  
Room 4 E 64, CIA Headquarters Building  
Wednesday, 21 July 1971, 1000 Hours

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Acting Chairman  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:



REPRESENTING:

Deputy Director for Science &  
Technology

National Intelligence Policy  
Evaluation Staff

Deputy Director for Intelligence

Deputy Director for Plans

Office of General Counsel

Deputy Director for Support

Secretary

DIA DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE

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GROUP I  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
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The Intra-agency Security Committee was convened by the Acting Chairman, Mr. [REDACTED] at 1000 hours on 21 July 1971 in the Office of Security conference room, 4 E 64.

The Acting Chairman stated that the Chairman, Mr. Howard J. Osborn, regretted being unable to chair the Committee's initial meeting due to the press of business with the Director at the instant hour.

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[REDACTED] set forth the background which led to the Committee's formation, namely, the Presidential concern over the extensive number of government and non-government employees holding top secret clearances and the increased tempo of unauthorized disclosures in the press during the past year, including the "Pentagon Papers" - the Ellsberg case. He explained that the Committee will examine security problems which surface, render assistance where feasible, and present new ideas and approaches in the security field. He also indicated that the Committee would be advised from time to time on significant security activities within the Agency and, or in the intelligence community. Germane to the latter aspect of the Committee's purpose he reviewed for the information of the members the following security items of current interest:

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- (1) Recently, the President directed that a review be made of security classification and declassification procedures as set forth in Executive Order 10501 as well as dissemination procedures. A Security Review Committee was subsequently formed, chaired by Mr. William Rehnquist, Department of Justice with representation from DoD, State, CIA, and the National Security Council.

The Security Review Committee established three working groups to recommend changes in Executive Order 10501: Group I is examining the legal sanctions and penalties covering unauthorized disclosures; Group II is looking into classification, declassification, downgrading, and release outside the Executive Branch while Group III is addressing itself solely to the release of National Security Council papers and their declassification.

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- (2) Another broad security problem resulted from the fact that one weekend a CIA safe in the Central Credit Union in Washington, D.C., was broken into by unknown persons with the intent to gain money. Investigation noted that the safe also contained some CIA correspondence on Credit Union matters. The Director, considering the tenor of the times, directed that the Agency take a look at all of its outside facilities where classified information or material is stored. A task force was formed composed of representatives from each Directorate which resulted in a study and follow-up report which is in the last stages of being formalized and circulated. Essentially the report reflects that there are approximately  Agency sites where Agency classified data is stored and characterizes them by categories of vulnerability.

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The Office of Security is continuing to survey these facilities in order to upgrade their physical security protection, where needed.

- (3) The Acting Chairman briefly alluded to the Committee's awareness that much critical examination of the compartmented systems is currently taking place, noting such groups as the Pettibone Panel and COMIREX. [redacted]

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also informed that [redacted]  
staff at DIA had prepared a paper on the subject of compartmented systems for review by the United States Intelligence Board. He also mentioned briefly the fine work of the NIPE representative in preparing the Agency's report to the President on disclosures of classified information in the news media and the steps taken by the Agency to protect its intelligence sources and methods.

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Of immediate concern, the Acting Chairman read, in part, from a White House memorandum to all U.S. Departments and Agencies. It directed that each responsible department and agency initiate at once a review and screening of each top secret and compartmented clearance presently held by individuals employed by the U.S. Government, those serving as consultants, and those employees of private business concerns engaged in the performance of classified contacts with the U.S. Government. The purpose of the review is to effect immediate reduction of all clearances in the top secret and compartmented categories which cannot be demonstrated to meet the requirement of a strict need-to-know criteria.

It was also directed that each responsible department and agency initiate immediately a review of those individuals and organizations outside the government now retaining top secret or compartmented material with the aim of drastically reducing such non-government holdings.

Discussion ensued among the members in which it was agreed that each Directorate and the various offices and staffs represented at the meeting would not only initiate a review of those clearances held by the categories of employees outlined in the White House memorandum, but

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also an across-the-board review, utilizing a current need-to-know criteria in order to effect the reduction of unnecessary clearances. A deadline date of 30 calendar days was agreed upon for submission of a report to the Chairman, Intra-agency Security Committee which would note the reduction in all unnecessary clearances.

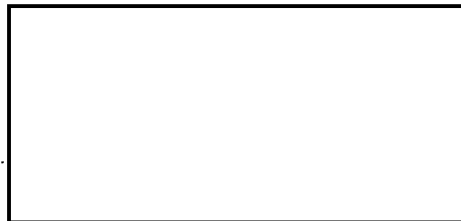
The Acting Chairman suggested that the members utilize the services of the various area security officers in their components and offices to effect the review. The DDI representative indicated that he would include the Office of National Estimates in his review of clearances.

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Mr.  stated that the Intra-agency Security Committee would be an on-going entity and though there was no intention to hold regularly scheduled meetings as such, a meeting could be called at any time at the discretion of the Chairman or the recommendation of any of the members.

Adjournment: 1115 hours.

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